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For the Period May 7 to 13, 2013

Dry and sunny weather during the past week has resulted in good seeding progress in many areas of the province. Provincially, eight per cent of crop has been seeded, according to Saskatchewan Agriculture's Weekly Crop Report.

Crop reporters indicate that seeding progress is at 29 per cent in the southwest; four per cent in the southeast; three per cent in the northwest; less than one per cent in the northeast; two per cent in the east-central region and three per cent in the west-central region.

Minimal precipitation was reported in most areas this past week, which allowed fields to dry and seeding to progress. The five-year seeding progress average at this time of year is 16 per cent.

Provincially, cropland topsoil moisture is rated as 24 per cent surplus, 71 per cent adequate and five per cent short. Hay land and pasture topsoil moisture is 16 per cent surplus, 75 per cent adequate and nine per cent short.

Farmers are busy seeding and fencing. Most areas are a week to a couple of weeks behind and producers are hoping for warm weather to dry wet fields.

One year ago

Twenty-two per cent of the 2012 crop had been seeded. Significant seeding progress was made due to warm and dry conditions.

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Seeding Progress in SK Per cent seeded	
All Crops	
May 13/13	8
5 year avg. (2008-2012)	16
May 14/12	22
May 9/11	5
May 13/10	5
May 11/09	23
May 11/08	25

Southeastern Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 1, 2, and 3ASE)

Warm and windy weather continue to help speed up drying in most fields, allowing producers to begin seeding. The average seeding progress for the region is four per cent. A few RMs are reporting seeding progress at 10 per cent or above. These include Kisbey at 10 per cent, Radville at 20 per cent and Ceylon at 25 per cent.

Most areas in the southeast received no precipitation during the week. The only areas that reported precipitation above trace are Carnduff at six mm and Lampman at one mm. The Rocanville area has received the greatest amount of precipitation in the region since April 1, with 51 mm.

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Cropland topsoil moisture is rated as 31 per cent surplus, 68 per cent adequate and one per cent short. Hay land and pasture topsoil moisture is rated as 23 per cent surplus, 72 per cent adequate and five per cent short. Crop District 1A is reporting that 15 per cent of the hay and pasture land has short topsoil moisture.
Farmers are busy getting things ready for seeding and with other activities such as checking fences and moving cattle to pasture. Very little pre-seeding weed control has been reported. This may be due to windy conditions and/or slow weed development. Some producers are skipping pre-seeding weed control in order to speed up the seeding operation and are hoping to apply herbicide before the crop emerges.

Southwestern Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 3ASW, 3AN, 3B and 4)

Nice weather conditions have allowed producers in the southwest to make significant progress in seeding. The region is the most advanced in the province at 29 per cent seeding. Seeding progress at various Crop Districts (CDs) in the region is reported as: 11 per cent in CD 3ASW; six per cent in CD 3AN; 46 per cent in CDs 3BS and 4A; 28 per cent in CD 3BN; and 47 per cent in CD 4B. A few areas are reported to have seeded more than half of the intended crop. These include Swift Current (60 per cent), Consul (65 per cent), Admiral (70 per cent), and Shaunavon and Gull Lake (80 per cent).

During the past week, precipitation ranged from trace to six mm with a regional average of 0.5 mm. Only a few areas reported above one mm of precipitation. These were Big Beaver (2 mm), Ceylon and Rockglen (3 mm) and Bengough (6 mm). The Admiral area has received the greatest amount of precipitation in the region since April 1 (58 mm).
Cropland topsoil moisture is rated as 3 per cent surplus, 80 per cent adequate and 17 per cent short. Hay land and pasture topsoil moisture is rated as 74 per cent adequate, 25 per cent short and one per cent very short.
Farmers are busy with seeding, mending fences and moving cattle to pasture. There are reports that a lot of areas are now in need of precipitation as the soil is too dry, especially for shallow seeded crops like canola. Some producers are planning to switch to deeper-seeded crops where they can place the seed into moist soil.

East-Central Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 5 and 6a)

Some areas of the region received small amounts of precipitation last Friday and Monday. Most crop reporters have indicated seeding can begin this week if no additional moisture is received. Seeding progress is estimated at two per cent for the region, with Kenaston and Wynyard reported to be at 15 and 17 per cent seeding progress, respectively.
The largest amounts of precipitation last week were in the east-central. The Humboldt area received the most precipitation this past week at 20 mm. The Jensen area received 13 mm, the Kuroki area 11 mm, the Pelly area six mm, and the Foam Lake and Rama areas three mm. The Bethune area has received the greatest amount of precipitation in the region since April 1 (54 mm).

Topsoil moisture for cropland is rated as 20 per cent surplus, 76 per cent adequate and four per cent short. Hay land and pasture topsoil moisture is rated as 18 per cent surplus, 75 per cent adequate and seven per cent short.
Warm and windy days have contributed to drying the fields; however, low spots and sloughs are still wet. Grassfires have occurred throughout the area this past week.
Pastures are beginning to grow and cattle will be moved in the coming weeks. Farmers are working on machinery, fencing, applying fertilizer and working the fields.

West-Central Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 6B and 7)

Field work and seeding has begun in most of the west-central region, although there is snow in the trees and standing water in many areas. There are reports of fields and pasture too wet to access, as well as wash outs and road bans, due to wet conditions. Average seeding progress for the region is reported at three per cent with Biggar and Mantario reported to be at 10 and 31 per cent seeding progress, respectively.

Most of the region received very little precipitation. The Biggar area received one mm, the Dismore area received three mm and there were trace amounts in the Rosetown and Sonningdale areas. The Major area has received the greatest amount of precipitation since April 1 at 38 mm.
Cropland topsoil moisture is rated as 23 per cent surplus, 76 per cent adequate and one per cent short. Hay land and pasture topsoil moisture is rated as 16 per cent surplus, 82 per cent adequate and two per cent short.
Cattle have begun to be moved to pasture, although plant growth has been slow. Many fields have large sloughs that will need warm and windy weather to dry out. Where they can, farmers are harrowing, applying fertilizer, spraying and seeding the dryer areas of their land.

Northeastern Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 8 and 9AE)

Seeding may be delayed in the northeastern region for another week due to excess moisture. Seeding progress for the region is reported to be less than one per cent. Only a couple of areas are above one per cent, namely, Lake Lenore at2 per cent and Arborfield 3 per cent. Pasture growth has been slow, which will delay movement of cattle.

The majority of the region received trace amounts of precipitation this week. The Tisdale area received two mm, and the Humboldt area one mm. Since April 1, the Humboldt area has recorded the greatest amount of precipitation (21 mm).
Topsoil moisture conditions on cropland are rated as 59 per cent surplus and 41 per cent adequate. Hay land and pasture topsoil moisture is rated as 57 per cent surplus and 43 per cent adequate. Crop District 9AE in particular is reporting high amounts of both cropland and hay and pasture to have surplus topsoil moisture.
Reports indicate that producers will begin field work in the next week if the warm temperatures continue. There is a significant amount of standing water throughout the area

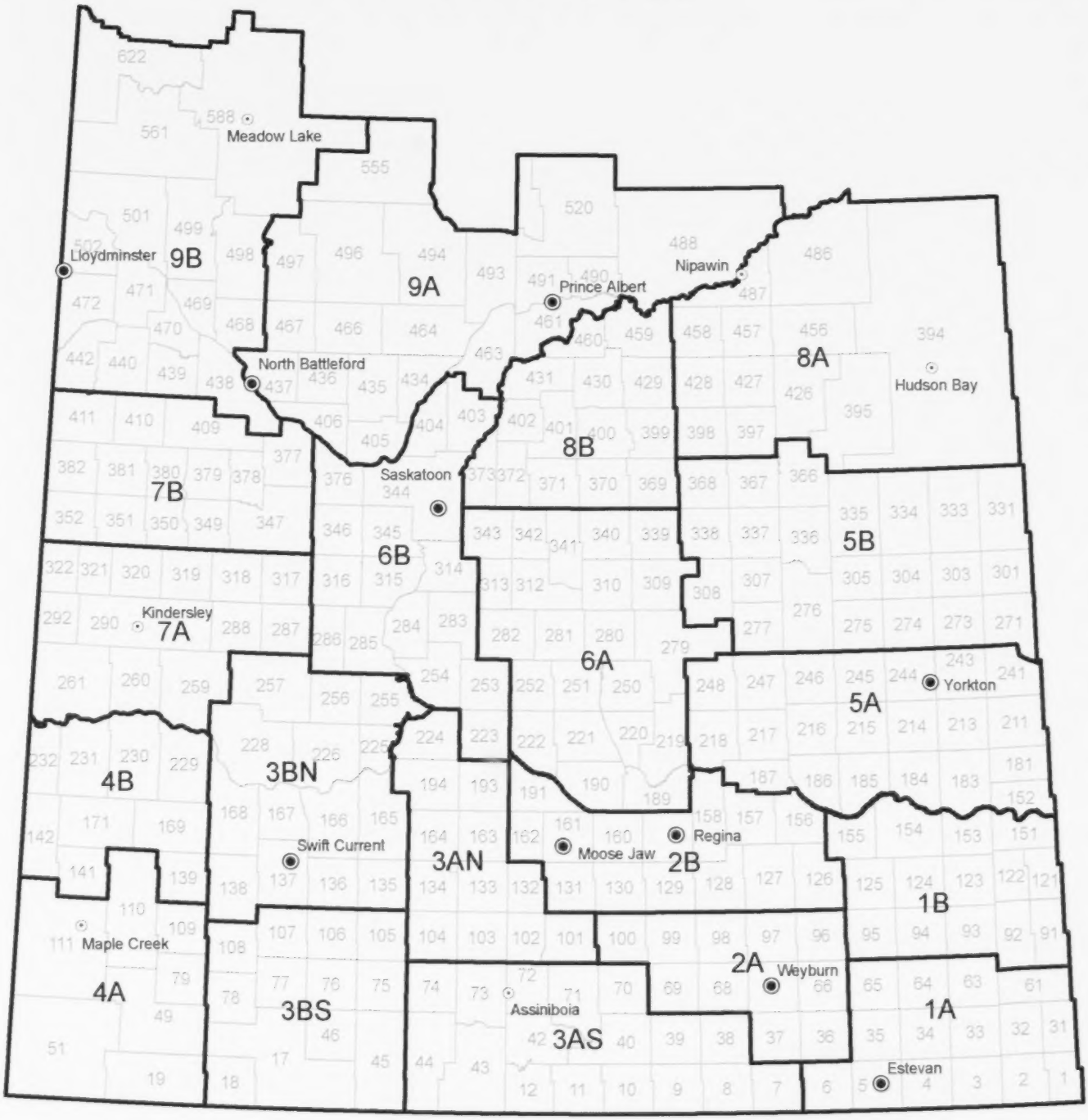
that has delayed most producers from seeding. Many fields and roads are still flooded although warm temperatures have helped dry them. Farmers are busy harrowing, applying fertilizer and spraying where they can.

Northwestern Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 9AW and 9B)

Snow cover has been greatly reduced this week with favorable weather. The majority of seeding will be delayed for another week as many fields are too wet and field access is an issue. Seeding progress is reported to be at three per cent for the region. Areas with more advanced seeding progress include Neilburg and Lloydminister at 10 per cent and Barthel at 25 per cent. Pastures have started to grow; however, pasture access is also difficult in many areas.

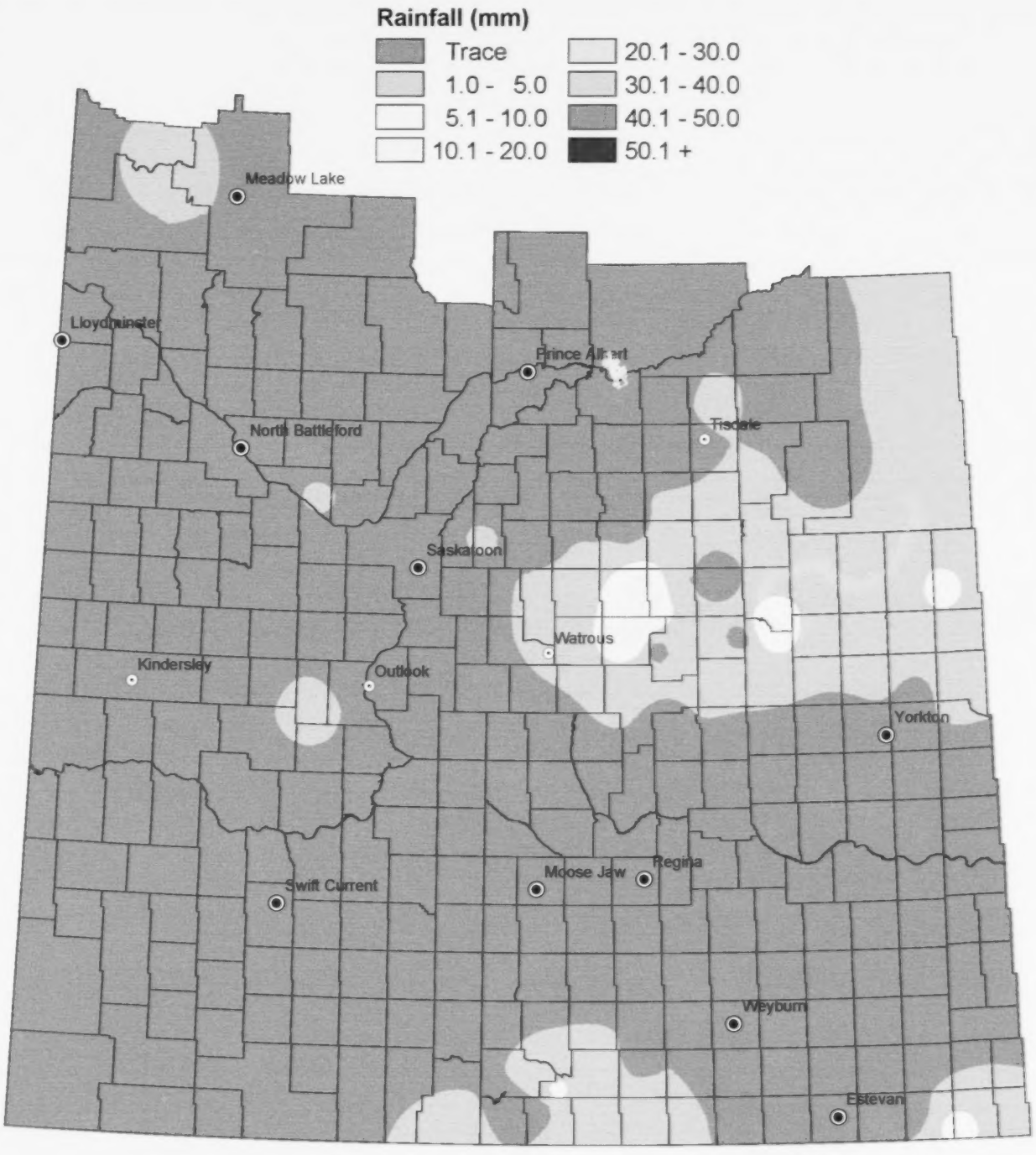
The majority of the region received very little precipitation last week. The Radisson and Meadow Lake areas received two mm. Since April 1, the Dorintosh area has received the most precipitation for the region (28 mm).
Topsoil moisture conditions on cropland are rated as 19 per cent surplus, 79 per cent adequate and two per cent short. Hay land and pasture topsoil moisture is rated as nine per cent surplus, 89 per cent adequate and two per cent short.
Warm and windy weather will be needed to allow more general seeding to begin this week as fields are still too wet. Many roads are still closed and access to fields is restricted in some areas. Cooler temperatures have slowed down pasture growth; more cattle will be moved out in the coming week. Farmers are busy working on equipment, harrowing, applying fertilizer and spraying.

Crop Districts and Rural Municipalities in Saskatchewan



Weekly Rainfall

for the week ending May 13, 2013



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Weekly Rainfall Summary

(in millimeters) 1 inch = 25 mm for the period May 7 to 13, 2013

Crop Dist.	R.M. No.	Name	Past Week	Since 1-Apr
1A	2	Mount Pleasant	6	14
	3	Enniskillen	NIL	14
	33	Moose Creek	NIL	13
	34	Browning	1	14
	61	Antler	N/A	N/A
	63	Moose Mountain	NIL	10
	64	Brock	NIL	12
	65	Tecumseh	NIL	15
1B	91	Maryfield	NIL	9
	92	Walpole	N/A	N/A
	122	Martin	N/A	24.9
	123	Silverwood	NIL	34
	124	Kingsley	NIL	26
	125 A	Chester	NIL	22.5
	125 B	Chester	NIL	N/A
	151 A	Rocanville	NIL	43
	151 B	Rocanville	NIL	51
	153	Willowdale	N/A	N/A
	154	Elcapo	NIL	36
	155 A	Wolseley	NIL	34
	155 B	Wolseley	N/A	27
2A	67	Weyburn	NIL	19
	68	Brokenshell	NIL	31
	97	Wellington	NIL	24.5
	99	Caledonia	N/A	N/A
2B	127 A	Francis	0.5	18
	127 B	Francis	NIL	13
	129	Bratt's Lake	NIL	33
	131 A	Baildon	NIL	35
	131 B	Baildon	NIL	35
	156 A	Indian Head	NIL	6
	156 B	Indian Head	NIL	43
	160 A	Pense	N/A	N/A
	160 B	Pense	NIL	41.5
	161	Moose Jaw	NIL	8.8
	162	Caron	NIL	37
	191	Marquis	N/A	15
3ASE	38 A	Laurier	N/A	16
	38 B	Laurier	1	29
	39 A	The Gap	3	23
	39 B	The Gap	NIL	47
3ASW	10	Happy Valley	2	15
	11	Hart Butte	NIL	27.6
	12	Poplar Valley	NIL	30
	40 A	Bengough	6	40
	40 B	Bengough	3	5
	42	Willow Bunch	N/A	33
	43 A	Old Post	3	29
	43 B	Old Post	N/A	N/A
	70	Key West	1	15.3
	71 A	Excel	N/A	N/A
	71 B	Excel	N/A	22
	72 A	Lake of the Rivers	N/A	N/A
	72 B	Lake of the Rivers	N/A	NIL
	73 A	Stonehenge	NIL	12.7
	73 B	Stonehenge	NIL	28
	74 A	Wood River	NIL	18
	74 B	Wood River	N/A	3
	74 C	Wood River	N/A	N/A
3AN	101	Terrell	NIL	23
	102	Lake Johnston	NIL	12.1
	103 A	Sutton	NIL	6
	103 B	Sutton	N/A	N/A
	132 A	Hillsborough	NIL	14.5
	132 B	Hillsborough	1	17.5
	134	Shamrock	N/A	33
	164 A	Chaplin	N/A	N/A
	164 B	Chaplin	N/A	N/A
	193 A	Eyebrow	NIL	13
	193 B	Eyebrow	NIL	25.2
	194	Enfield	N/A	N/A
	224	Maple Bush	NIL	16
3BS	17 A	Val Marie	N/A	41
	17 B	Val Marie	N/A	N/A
	45	Mankota	N/A	31.5
	75 A	Pinto Creek	NIL	17
	75 B	Pinto Creek	N/A	22
	76	Auvergne	1	18
	77	Wise Creek	NIL	58
	78 A	Grassy Creek	NIL	31
	78 B	Grassy Creek	NIL	27
	105	Glenbain	NIL	22
	106	Whiska Creek	NIL	18
	107 A	Lac Pelletier	N/A	12
	107 B	Lac Pelletier	NIL	8.5
	108	Bone Creek	N/A	21
3BN	138 A	Webb	NIL	29
	138 B	Webb	NIL	17.4
	166 A	Excelsior	NIL	21
	166 B	Excelsior	N/A	N/A
	167	Sask. Landing	NIL	26
	168 A	Riverside	NIL	30
	168 B	Riverside	0.1	30.5
	226 A	Victory	1	7
	226 B	Victory	NIL	2.5
	228	Lacadena	NIL	3
	255	Coteau	NIL	15.9
	257	Monet	NIL	9.3
4A	19	Frontier	N/A	N/A
	49	White Valley	N/A	N/A
	51 A	Reno	0.8	24.3
	51 B	Reno	N/A	N/A
	79	Arlington	N/A	N/A
	109	Carmichael	1	9
	110	Piapot	NIL	15
	111	Maple Creek	N/A	N/A
4B	139	Gull Lake	1	32
	141	Big Stick	1	17
	142	Enterprise	1	27
	169	Pittville	NIL	50
	231	Happyland	NIL	11
5A	183 A	Fertile Belt	N/A	45
	183 B	Fertile Belt	NIL	53
	186	Abernethy	N/A	20
	211	Churchbridge	NIL	39
	213	Saltcoats	NIL	41
	214	Cana	N/A	25
	216	Tullymet	NIL	30.3
	217 A	Lipton	N/A	N/A
	241	Calder	N/A	35
	243	Wallace	N/A	10
	245 A	Garry	NIL	23
	245 B	Garry	NIL	33
	245 C	Garry	NIL	15
	246	Ituna Bon Accord	NIL	21
	247	Kellross	NIL	10
	248	Touchwood	NIL	6
5B	271	Cote	2	28
	273	Sliding Hills	0.5	26.5
	277	Emerald	3	13
	305	Invermay	3	5.5
	307	Elfros	NIL	14
	308 A	Big Quill	NIL	NIL
	308 B	Big Quill	1	20
	331	Livingston	6	38
	333	Clayton	2	22.5
	334	Preeceville	2	14
	336	Sasman	11	26
	337 A	Lakeview	NIL	15
	337 B	Lakeview	NIL	9.5
	338	Lakeside	1	5
	366	Kelvington	2	27
	367	Ponass Lake	1	19.5
6A	190 A	Duffernn	NIL	31
	190 B	Duffernn	NIL	53.5
	190 C	Duffernn	NIL	30
	190 D	Duffernn	N/A	42
	219	Longlaketon	N/A	10
	220	Mickillop	NIL	31
	221	Samia	NIL	26.2
	222	Craik	NIL	40
	251	Big Arm	NIL	21
	252	Arm River	NIL	19
	279	Mount Hope	N/A	3
	282	McCraney	NIL	7
	309	Prairie Rose	13	39
	310	Usborne	N/A	N/A
	313	Lost River	N/A	N/A
	339	Leroy	20	38
	340	Wolverine	2	14
	341	Viscount	1	8
	343 A	Blucher	NIL	19.5
	343 B	Blucher	N/A	N/A
6B	283	Rosedale	N/A	9.5
	284	Rudy	NIL	9
	285	Fertile Valley	NIL	19
	286	Milden	3	8
	314	Dundurn	NIL	18
	344	Corman Park	NIL	5
	346	Perdue	NIL	5
	376 A	Eagle Creek	NIL	16
	376 B	Eagle Creek	NIL	12
	403 A	Rosthern	N/A	N/A
	403 B	Rosthern	NIL	30
7A	259	Snipe Lake	N/A	N/A
	260 A	Newcombe	N/A	26
	260 B	Newcombe	N/A	N/A
	261	Chesterfield	NIL	15
	287	St. Andrews	NIL	11
	288	Pleasant Valley	NIL	16
	290 A	Kindersley	NIL	25.5
	290 B	Kindersley	N/A	3
	290 C	Kindersley	NIL	20.5
	292	Milton	N/A	24
	317 A	Marriott	N/A	N/A
	317 B	Marriott	NIL	28
	317 C	Marriott	N/A	N/A
	318	Mountain View	NIL	20
	320 A	Oakdale	NIL	31.8
	320 B	Oakdale	NIL	15
	321	Prairiedale	NIL	4
7B	347 A	Biggar	NIL	20
	347 B	Biggar	N/A	0
	350 A	Manposa	NIL	13.8
	350 B	Manposa	NIL	11
	351	Progress	NIL	7
	352	Heart's Hill	NIL	38
	377	Glenside	NIL	20
	378 A	Rosemount	NIL	19
	378 B	Rosemount	1	10
	379	Reford	NIL	14
	381	Grass Lake	N/A	5.07
	382	Eye Hill	NIL	1
	409 A	Buffalo	NIL	10
	409 B	Buffalo	N/A	N/A
	410	Round Valley	NIL	NIL
	411	Senlac	N/A	N/A
8A	395	Porcupine	NIL	20
	397	Barrier Valley	N/A	18.7
	428	Star City	NIL	12
	456	Arborfield	NIL	10
	457	Connaught	2	12
	458	Willow Creek	NIL	NIL
	486	Moose Range	N/A	10
	487 A	Nipawin	NIL	10
	487 B	Nipawin	N/A	N/A
8B	369	St. Peter	NIL	14
	370	Humboldt	1	21
	371	Bayne	NIL	NIL
	372	Grant	1.2	19.5
	400 A	Three Lakes	N/A	NIL
	400 B	Three Lakes	NIL	18
	402	Fish Creek	NIL	12
	429	Flett's Springs	NIL	5
	431	St. Louis	N/A	N/A
	459	Kinistino	NIL	2
	460	Birch Hills	NIL	6
9AE	461	Prince Albert	N/A	22.4
	488	Torch River	NIL	NIL
	491	Buckland	N/A	15
9AW	406	Mayfield	2	10
	435	Redberry	N/A	6
	436	Douglas	NIL	20
	463	Duck Lake	1	23
	466	Meeting Lake	N/A	N/A
	467 A	Round Hill	NIL	19
	467 B	Round Hill	NIL	NIL
	494	Canwood	N/A	N/A
	496 A	Spiritwood	N/A	N/A
	496 B	Spiritwood	NIL	8
	497	Medstead	N/A	8
9B	438	Battle River	N/A	13
	440	Hillsdale	NIL	8.5
	442	Manitou Lake	0.3	18.7
	498 A	Parkdale	NIL	10.5
	498 B	Parkdale	N/A	10
	499 A	Mervin	NIL	20.4
	499 B	Mervin	NIL	13
	501 A	Frenchman Butte	NIL	27
	501 B	Frenchman Butte	NIL	16
	501 C	Frenchman Butte	NIL	18
	502 A	Britannia	N/A	N/A
	502 B	Britannia	NIL	18
	561	Loon Lake	1	18
	588 A	Meadow Lake	NIL	19
	588 B	Meadow Lake	2	12
	588 C	Meadow Lake	1	28
	588 D	Meadow Lake	N/A	31
	588 E	Meadow Lake	N/A	N/A
	622	Beaver River	N/A	10

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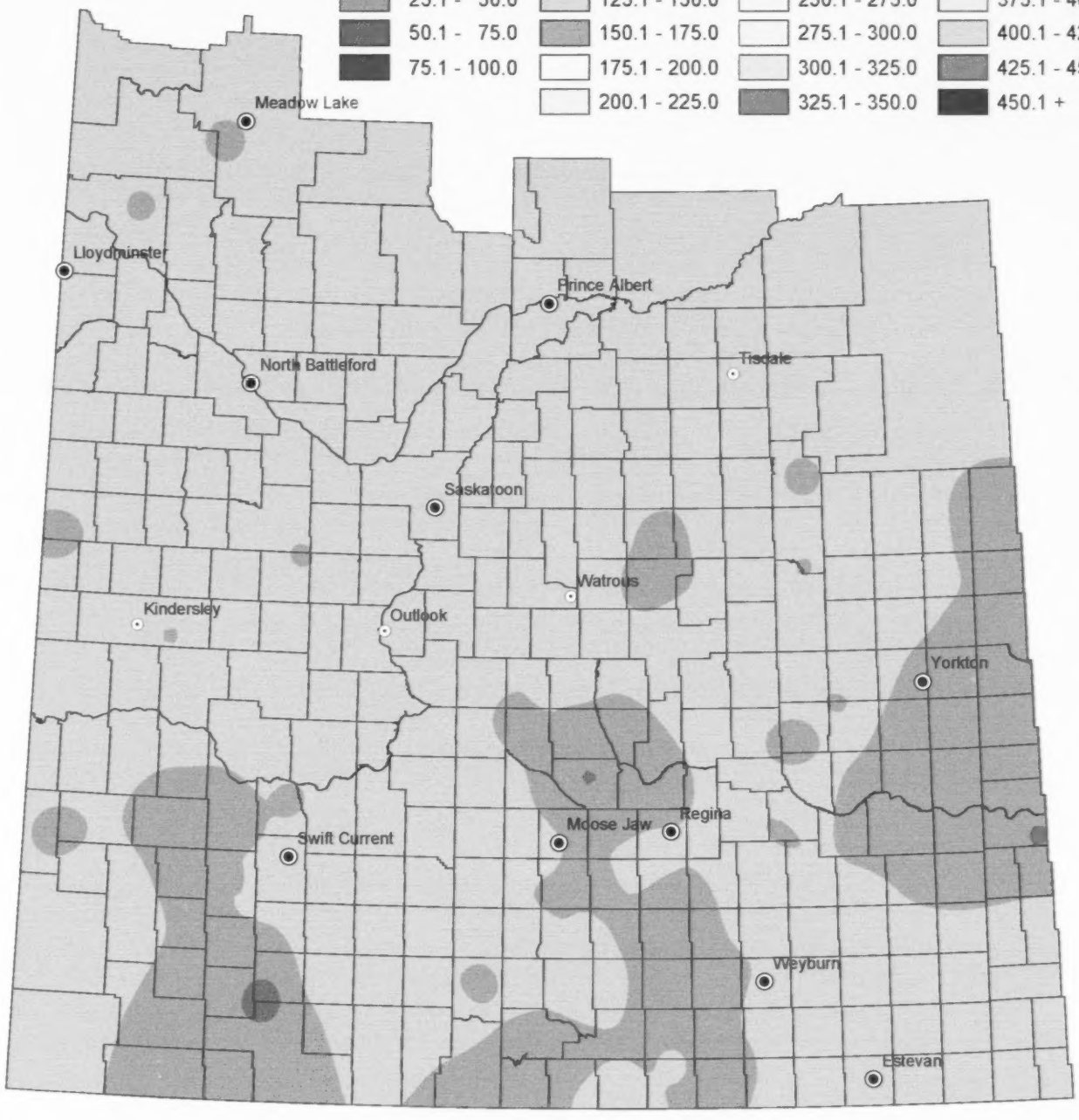

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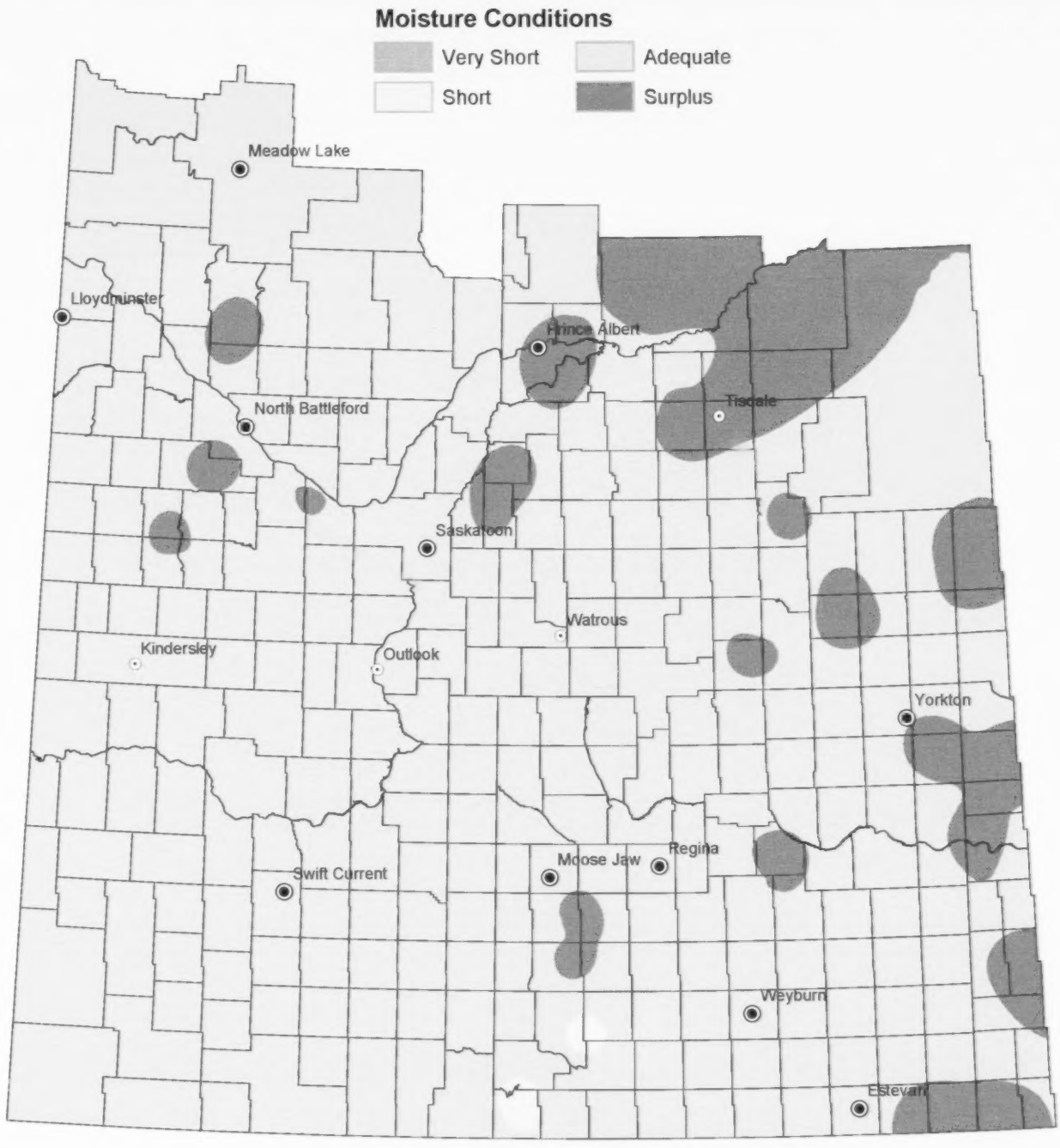

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Hay and Pasture Topsoil Moisture Conditions

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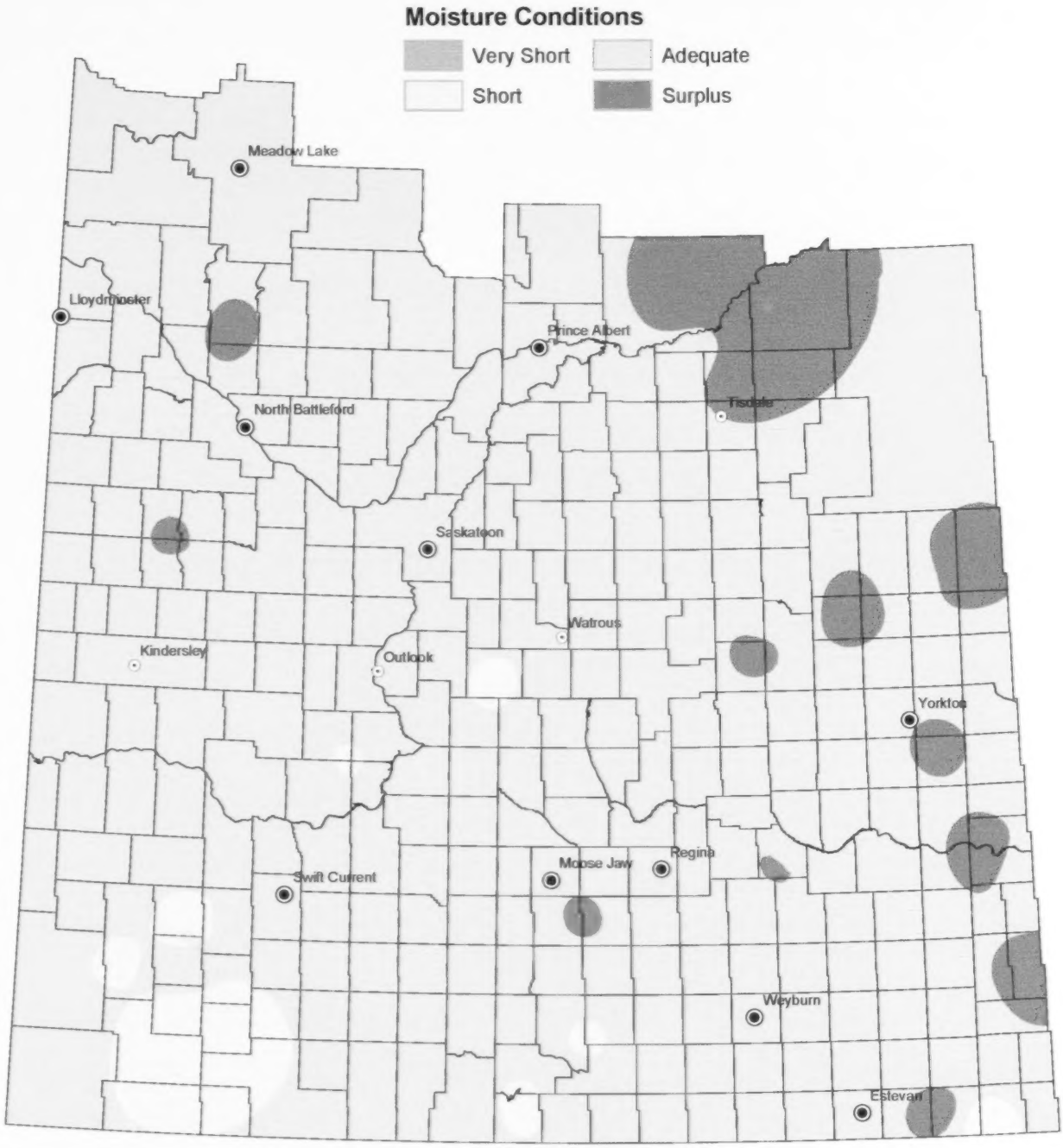

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